Statement

State-wise details of misuse of standard marks (ISI mark) registered by Bureau of Indian Standards

State	No. of cases registered		
	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003
Andhra Pradesh	3	-	4
Daman	1	1	-
Delhi	8	14	6
Gujarat	10	9	8
Haryana	3	1	1
Karnataka	2	3	-
Kerala	1	-	-
Madhya Pradesh	-	1	3
Maharashtra	5	-	3
Punjab	1	-	1
Rajasthan	2	-	4
Tamil Nadu	-	1	1
Uttar Pradesh	5	6	3
TOTAL:	41	36	34

Poor quality foodgrain supply to States

1223. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received by Government against Food Corporation of India for supplying sub-standard foodgrain to various States under Public Distribution System during the last three years and till date, State-wise; and

(b) the details of the remedial measures taken by Government to ensure that such foodgrain supply conforms to the standards laid down in Prevention of Food Adulteration Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) and (b) Foodgrains of fair average quality conforming to the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA) standards are distributed under Public Distribution System (PDS).

A few complaints about the quality of foodgrains supplied under the PDS were received during the last three years.

During 2000-2001, complaints were received from the State Governments of Arunachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Sikkim and Tripura regarding supply of foodgrains of poor quality, especially rice procured under relaxed specifications (URS). Keeping in view the reluctance of consumers, the supply of URS rice of 1997-98 Kharif Marketing Season was stopped.

During 2001-2002, the Governments of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and NCT of Delhi complained about the supply of "lustre lost" wheat while the Governments of Goa and Kerala complained about the poor quality of rice stocks. It was explained to the State Governments that, except in appearance, lustre lost wheat is as good as sound wheat, especially in terms of nutritional value. The FCI officers were instructed to ensure that rice of good quality only was supplied under the PDS to Goa and Kerala.

During 2002-2003, the Governments of Rajasthan, Delhi, Gujarat and Maharashtra had complained about issue of poor quality of "lustre lost" wheat under PDS and Government of Karnataka and Kerala had complained about the issue of poor quality of rice under various schemes. Keeping in view the reluctance of consumers, the issue of "lustre lost" wheat for distribution under TPDS was stopped. FCI was instructed to ensure that rice of good quality only is supplied under the PDS in Karnataka and Kerala.

No complaint has been received from any State during this year regarding supply of poor quality rice and wheat by FCI under PDS.

The State Governments are free to inspect the stocks of foodgrains and satisfy themselves about their quality before lifting the same from FCI depots. The States Governments have also been advised to depute an officer not below the rank of Inspector to check the quality of stocks.